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SUBJ: DISORDERS AT UBS

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM ISSUED BY UBS STUDENTS
CRITICIZING GOB FOR INDICTMENT OF BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE
SOLDIER IN CONNECTION WITH KILLING OF THREE FOREIGNERS IN TULI
BLOCK INCIDENT: BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE: TO: THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DATE: 11TH SEPTEMBER 1978.

--WE, THE STUDENT BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BOTSWANA
IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CONSCIENTIOUS PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA,
UNDERSTANDING

A) THAT THERE EXISTS IN THE STATE MACHINERY OF BOTSWANA,
NO STRICT SEPARATION OF POWERS BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL
ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT.

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B) THAT, FURTHER, THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS, INDEED, CON-
STITUTIONALLY, A POLITICAL APPOINTMENT.

--WE THEREFORE DECLARE THAT

1. GIVEN THAT THE EXECUTIVE HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT THE
DEEDS PERFORMED BY THE SGT. TSWAIPE WERE BONA FIDE AND EXECUTED

IN DUE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY.

2. GIVEN, FURTHER, THAT THE EXECUTIVE UNDER WENT SUBSEQUENT DUE CRITICISM FROM THE IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA MACHINERY SOME OF WHICH WAS DIRECT TO THE PRESIDENT WHILST ON HIS LONDON BASED HOSPITAL BED.

3. AND, AS A RESULT OF SUCH MALICIOUS AND WESTERN BIASED CRITICISM, THE STATE HAS REITRAITED (SIC) IT'S PREVIOUS STAND,

--WE ARE FACED WITH THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION;

--A) THAT A POLITICAL APPOINTEE SUCH AS THE ATTORNEY-

--GENERAL WOULD NOT AS WE ARE PRESUMABLE TO BELIEVE,
--CHALLENGE THE FIRST STAND OF THE EXECUTIVE. IN
--PRACTICAL BOTSWANA TERMS, THE EXECUTIVE IS TOO
--POWERFUL.

--B) THAT DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE INDUCED BY EX-
--TERNALLY INSPIRED ACTS ON THE PART OF OUR GOVERN-
--MENT, NAMELY THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE INSTRUMENT
--OF LAW IN FAVOUR OF AGGRESSORS AND AGAINST OUR
--PROTECTORS, CAN ONLY SERVE TO LOWER THE MORALE
--OF OUR DEFENSE FORCE AND THEREBY DIMINISH THEIR
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--WILLINGNESS TO PROTECT THE VERY CITIZENS THEY SO
--DILIGENTLY AND PATRIOTICALLY COMMITTED
--THEMSELVES TO SERVE.

--WE STRENUOUSLY DEMAND THEREFORE, THE IMMEDIATE
RELEASE OF COMRADE T. TSWAIBE AND THE MOTIVE FOR
PROSECUTION DECLARE MALE-FIDE. END QUOTE.
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